

RECOGNIZING THE LIMA NOON OPTIMIST CLUB'S ANNUAL YOUTH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the opportunity to share positive news about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District. Today, I am pleased to commend to the House 12 high school students who are being honored for their outstanding leadership skills and volunteerism.

On Wednesday, the Noon Optimist Club of Lima will recognize Emma Core, Gabi Croft, Brady Shea, Lauren Cunningham, Elena Oliver, Grant Hardeman, McKenna Bader, Jordane Dues, Jacquelyne Lynch, Alora Patel, Ryan Kaverman, and Sabrina Heffner at its annual youth appreciation luncheon. These students were each nominated by their schools for being good role models for their peers.

I thank the Optimists for their efforts to celebrate the many achievements of these students and am proud to join in the accolades to them. They have my very best wishes for continued success in their lives in the years to come.

CELEBRATING THE MARVIN GROUP'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a significant anniversary for a company that is important to my District and our great country. On February 10, 2023, the Marvin Engineering Company will celebrate 60 years as one of our Nation's leading manufacturers of armament equipment.

What started as a small, modest machine shop in Inglewood, California, has grown into one of the most successful defense contracting companies in the world. The Marvin Group supports all branches of our military and major prime contractors, and it sells products in more than 30 countries worldwide. Thanks to the gifted leadership of founder Marvin Gussman, his wife Madeline, their partner Jerry Friedman, current CEO Howard Gussman, and President David Gussman, Marvin Engineering and its parent company, The Marvin Group, are major employers in California's 43rd Congressional District and Southern California in general.

The Marvin Group's business philosophy, its extensive capabilities, and Jerry Friedman investing a significant amount of time in Washington, DC, allowed The Marvin Group to launch Marvin Land Systems in 1995, Marvin Test Solutions in 1997, and Clean Water Technologies in 2002, all of which have expanded their customer base. In addition to the manufacturing of large aero structures, The Marvin Group produces ejector racks, missile launchers, aircraft pylons and other auxiliary equipment. It has also successfully developed its own proprietary state-of-the-art systems for advanced aircraft. With its expansion into land

and sea-based platforms, including the Flyer tactical strike vehicle, The Marvin Group has won competitions and contracts from the defense departments of many of our Nation's allies around the world. I have a decades-long relationship with the management of The Marvin Group and am proud to note that they are a great corporate citizen with extensive community service involvement in Inglewood and Los Angeles. They are particularly supportive of the Hirschberg Foundation's pancreatic cancer research in honor of Marvin Gussman. The future is most definitely bright for this innovative and responsible company.

As the leadership and more than 1,000 employees of The Marvin Group gather to acknowledge this major milestone, I am proud to bring their accomplishments to the attention of the American people.

HONORING LERLEANE PAYNE CHAVIS'S SERVICE TO MADISON COUNTY

**HON. NIKKI BUDZINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lerleane Payne Chavis, of Madison, Illinois, for 60 years of dedicated service to the Treasurer's office in Madison County.

Lerleane was born on June 17, 1942, in Madison, Illinois. Continuing to be raised in the city, she would graduate from Madison High School in 1960.

Not long after, Lerleane would make history in Madison County. On January 7, 1963, eager to break the color barrier, County Treasurer, George Musso, would hire Lerleane into her office. Lerleane would be the first African American office worker employed in Madison County and the first African American woman to work for Madison County government. At 20 years old, Lerleane proved herself to be a diligent worker and create a welcoming space for her fellow employees.

Her diligence to her craft would lead to numerous promotions, eventually being promoted to Deputy Treasurer for the county. Lerleane would retire from her full-time employment in 1998, but continues to serve on a part-time basis.

January 7, 2023 marked Lerleane's 60th year of service in the Madison County's Treasurer's Office, making her the longest serving employee in Madison County Government history. During her time, she has served under nine county treasurers, making her the unofficial matriarch of the Treasurer's Office.

Throughout her service, Lerleane maintained being a pillar in her community. She would marry LeRoy Chavis in 1968 and spend 49 years together until his passing in 2017. She is the mother of four children, grandmother to nine, and great-grandmother to five. She is a longtime member of Mt. Joy Baptist Church, and volunteers her time taking care of several elderly friends in the area.

Lerleane is a unsung hero who deserves her flowers and appreciation. She is a trailblazer in the fight for equality and it is an honor to recognize her today.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MRS. CLAIRE BARTLETT

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Mrs. Claire Bartlett, a stalwart in Georgia's conservative movement, and a valued member of my Congressional staff for over 8 years. Mrs. Bartlett has been a valuable and dedicated member of my office since I was first sworn into Congress on January 6, 2015. Prior to joining my district staff, Claire was a conservative leader in the state of Georgia. Her leadership at the grassroots level demonstrated her commitment to restoring freedom and liberty and made her uniquely qualified to serve as my first District Field Director, and then as our Director of Business and Community Engagement. In these positions, Claire worked to exemplify our mission of representing and serving the people of the 11th Congressional District with integrity, respect, attentiveness, and vigilance. Throughout her tenure, Claire diligently served the people of the district.

Claire's passion for the American ideals and our founding principals has remained her number one priority. Over the course of her time in service, from 2015 through 2023, Claire engaged with and assisted constituents and stakeholders from all walks of life and across the political spectrum. During this time, I received innumerable compliments and accolades regarding the value Claire brought to our mission. Claire will surely be a valuable asset wherever she is in the future; and I congratulate her on her new role, as she continues to work to ensure we have a community, state, and Nation that is free, safe and full of opportunity. She will be missed as a part of our team but will always remain a member of our office family, and I thank Claire for her years of service. God Speed.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOSEPH A. HARDY III

**HON. GUY RESCENTIALER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023*

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Hardy, a pioneer in the building materials industry from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who passed away on his 100th birthday on January 7, 2023.

During his final year attending Lehigh University, Mr. Hardy answered the call of duty, enlisting in the United States Army at the outbreak of World War II. After serving his nation as a radioman for the Army Air Corps in the Pacific, he returned home to pursue an industrial engineering degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

After working part-time for his family's farm and jewelry store, Mr. Hardy founded Green Hills Lumber. After several successful years, he purchased land in Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania, and opened a "cash and carry" lumber yard, the 84 Lumber Company, which would

become the nation's largest privately-held building materials supplier.

In 1987, Mr. Hardy began purchasing 400 acres of land in Fayette County. This mountainous landscape became home to what is now the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Today, Nemacolin is one of North America's premier resort destinations and a shining example of Mr. Hardy's vision in the Keystone State.

In addition to the job creation in southwestern Pennsylvania, he generously invested in the redevelopment of the resort's surrounding area. Mr. Hardy was famously quoted as saying, "I want to die broke. For the remainder of my life, I want to enjoy and participate in the giving of money to help improve people's lives." This selfless spirit nourished in his roles as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County and the Board of Trustees at the University of Pittsburgh and Washington & Jefferson College.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph A. Hardy III's entrepreneurial spirit, commitment, and generosity to southwestern Pennsylvania, in addition to his service to our Nation, exemplify a well-lived life. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I extend my condolences to Mr. Hardy's family and wish them healing during this difficult time.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF AMELIA LITYNSKI

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Amelia Litynski and her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Amelia earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she triple-majored in Economics, History, and Political Science. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science at the USAF Air Command and Staff College.

During her undergraduate studies, she interned for the Congressional Research Service, the U.S. Department of Defense, debra of America, and the Wisconsin State Legislature. After graduating and prior to joining my office, she scheduled for Congressman BRYAN STEIL of Wisconsin.

Amelia joined my office in October 2021 as my Staff Assistant. She then worked her way up to Legislative Correspondent, and subsequently to Legislative Aide. She contributed tremendously to providing the best constituent service and running one of the best mail programs in the Commonwealth and the Nation. She was also an important member of my defense and legislative team, and a great mentor to both interns and staff.

I would like to thank Amelia for her contributions and dedicated service over the last year and a half. She's been an invaluable member of my team, and I wish her the best as she continues her journey here at the Capitol working for Congressman TOM EMMER in his Republican House Majority Whip office.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Amelia Litynski for her service to Virginia's First District and the Nation. May God bless Amelia as she continues her career in public service.

#### CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY HOUSE OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN, UPON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate The Community House in Birmingham, Michigan, upon its 100th year serving the region. Over the last century, Birmingham has distinguished itself as a destination for families who are seeking a welcoming, tight-knit community. The Community House has been instrumental in cultivating the City's reputation of excellence, and it is an honor to join with friends and neighbors in celebrating 100 years in Birmingham.

Since 1923, The Community House has evolved to fit the needs of the growing region. This nonprofit organization has brought together tens of thousands of residents, been home to dozens of charities, and hosted hundreds of classes since its formation. The Community House has welcomed folks of all ages, backgrounds, and interests, holding a special place in the hearts of many individuals who have found it to be a second home.

Despite the rapid changes that have shaped our society over the past century, The Community House's role in the community has remained unchanged as "the official center of charitable endeavors . . . to promulgate the social, educational, civic and philanthropic life of the village." Its mission as "home to those seeking continuity between personal, professional, philanthropic, and recreational pursuits" showcases the admirable values that guide the organization and reveals an important vision for its future. Our community is better because of The Community House's work over the past century, and it is an exciting opportunity to extend best wishes as the organization embarks upon its next exciting chapter.

Mr. Speaker, the work done by this local nonprofit has shaped the lives of countless individuals, and its efforts certainly extend beyond the bounds of Southeast Michigan and into the larger region and Nation. It is an honor to recognize The Community House of Birmingham upon its 100 years of contributions to the community, and I ask my colleagues to join me and the people of Michigan's 11th Congressional District in celebrating this remarkable organization.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BETH HOGAN

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an outstanding public servant and community leader from the Town of East Lyme, Connecticut located in Southeastern Connecticut, Beth Hogan. An inspiring trailblazer for women in the legal profession, politics and town government, Beth departed this world too soon on January 28, 2023, after a three-year battle with cancer, with her devoted husband and law partner Conrad

Seifert, and her daughter Emily, at her side. The news of her passing brought forth an outpouring of sadness and praise from the entire region of Southeastern Connecticut and speaks volumes of her impact upon the lives of so many who she helped in countless ways.

Born in Meriden and raised in Stamford, Connecticut to Bill and Rita Hogan, Beth knew from a young age that she was destined to uplift the lives of others. Upon graduating from Boston University and Quinnipiac Law School, Beth met Conrad and they began a journey in a two-person law firm—Seifert and Hogan, representing individuals with both compassion and the highest degree of ethics and professionalism. Throughout her time at the firm, Beth practiced in the areas of criminal defense litigation, civil practice, and juvenile and family law. As I know from my own experience as a small-town general practitioner, this type of law can be stressful. Despite the challenging nature of this work, she handled her clients with calmness and poise. She most recently focused on the cause of fair sentencing for juveniles, which in recent years has been reformed in Connecticut due in part by lawyers who advocated for this change.

Her view of the law was not just about individual cases. As a political candidate, office holder and political organizer she was outspoken believer in progressive policy. This was not just an intellectual exercise for her—she was dedicated to getting real results in her region that were an expression of her beliefs. In 2008, for example, she joined The Connection, Inc., where she focused on expanding affordable housing opportunities. As director of government and community partnerships, Beth fought hard for years to successfully convert a former school into St. Mary Place of New London, Connecticut—a 20-unit affordable housing complex.

Beth also had a knack for recruiting other selfless individuals into local politics. She never missed an opportunity in this regard and was the driving force behind adding members to her town's Democratic party. Her proficiency in finding new advocates, candidates, and volunteers across all ages is exactly why Beth served as the chair of the local party's committee for a total of nearly two decades. Because of Beth, there is an army of visionaries and changemakers who will now march forward in their own relentless pursuit towards a better town and region. In fact, her love of community saw Beth in her final days delegating projects to her trusted friends and colleagues in local politics.

Beth's works are far too numerous to even begin counting. She served on many boards and commissions within East Lyme's municipal government. Beyond the various charities to which she also belonged; Beth notably once served as the first-ever First Selectwoman of East Lyme.

Mr. Speaker, Beth Hogan was the archetypal citizen and public servant. She was a compassionate confidant, a cultivator of community, a public servant, a champion of policy, a connector and mentor of people. Beth Hogan was a force multiplier for good. To say that we mourn the loss of this unwavering positive character could not be more of an understatement. And yet, Beth's dynamic legacy will continue to pay dividends far into the future—it is a garden where the flowers will never die. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Conrad, her daughter Emily, and the